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1. WHILE NAMES ALL MEMBERS SOVIET DELEGATION NOT YET FIXED, TOTAL NUMBER WILL NOT EXCEED TWENTY. SOVIET COMMERCIAL MINISTER MKRTUMOV WILL RECEIVELIST AS SOON AS FINAL APPROVAL OBTAINED, PROBABLY AFTER MAY 9-10 HOLIDAYS. INDIRECT QUESTIONS AT MFT ELICITED ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT LIST INCLUDES ALKHIMOV, MANZHULO, SPANDARIAN, GORBUNOV (ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS), ZINOV'YEV, LEONID BERESTNEV OF USA SECTION, MFT, AND CHIEF BURGUCHEV OF TREATY-LEGAL ADMINISTRATION, MFT. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER PATOLICHEV OR ACTING MINISTER KUZ'MIN. PATOLICHEV STILL HOPES LEAD DELEGATION. WHILE HIS HEALTH IMPROVING STEADILY, DOCTORS DOUBT HE WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH FOR TRIP.

2. DELEGATION WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON FROM MOSCOW ON AEROFLOT 317, DEPARTING SHEREMETIEVO 1100 MAY 17 AND ARRIVING DULLES 1800 SAME DAY.

3. SOME MEMBERS DELEGATION WILL JOIN GROUP IN WASHINGTON (BURGUCHEV AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WILL BE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW YORK FOR UN COMMITTEE SESSIONS AFTER MAY 12).

4. SEVERAL MEMBERS DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW DIRECTLY AFTER SESSIONS. OTHERS, INCLUDING MANZHULO AND ZINOV'YEV, WILL GO FROM U.S. TO CANADA FOR ANNUAL BILATERAL TRADE CONSULTATIONS THERE.

5. MADISON HOTEL IS AGREEABLE TO SOVIET DELEGATION. SOVIETS WILL NOT REQUIRE CONTROL ROOM, AND SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL NOT ACCOMPANY DELEGATION. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE INTERPRETER, PROBABLY OLEG LYAMIN.

6. SOVIETS HAVE ASKED NAME OF CHIEF OF U.S. DELEGATION AND HAVE PROMISED TO GIVE US ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS FOR PROGRAM FROM DELEGATION MEMBERS. WOULD APPRECIATE OUTLINE OF PROGRAM PROPOSED TO CONVEY TO MFT FOR REACTION.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP OF DELEGATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS RECEIVED.
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